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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 40-70 are pending in the application. claims 1-39 are directed to a non-elected invention. Please cancel claims 1-39 without prejudice or disclaimer.

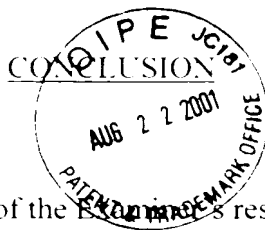
ELECTION/RESTRICTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 121

Applicants elect species II claims 40-48, drawn to a plate-like image pickup device, classified in class 349, subclass 1.

Newly added claims 49-70 are readable upon elected species II. Newly added claims 49-70 are directed to an optical device rather than an optical element.

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Applicants have addressed all of the ~~Examining~~ restriction requirements and respectfully submit that the Application is in condition for allowance. A Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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